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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1617

LOEFROTH ET AL.

Examiner: Webman, Edward J.

APPLICATION NO: 08/945,655

FILED: OCTOBER 24, 1997

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR SUSTAINED RELEASE
OF THE HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR FLUVASTATIN

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding action dated November 12, 2002, in the above-identified application, having a period for response set to expire March 12, 2003, due to the attached one-month petition for extension of time, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

[X] A petition to extend this period for one-month(s) until March 12, 2003, is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 and 15 are pending.

Claims 1-4 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Royce in view of Folkers et al.

Claims 1-4 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-4 and 15 are presented for reconsideration.